

## **REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-2 are requested to be cancelled. Claim 13 is currently being amended. Claim 14 is being added. Support for the amendment to claim 13 and for new claim 14 can be found at least in original claims 3 and 7, respectively.

This amendment adds, changes and deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 3-14 are now pending in this application.

### ***Title***

The Office Action stated that the title of the invention was not descriptive. The title has been amended to be more descriptive of the invention.

### ***Allowable subject matter***

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 3-12 are allowed. Claim 13 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 3, and is thus likewise allowable. New claim 14 includes the allowable subject matter of claim 7, and is thus likewise allowable.

### ***Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102***

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. 2003/0002882 to Takagi et al. (hereafter "Takagi"). Claims 1, 2 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(a) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,587,654 to Nishi (hereafter "Nishi"). These rejections are moot in light of the cancellation of claims 1-2 and the amendment to claim 13 to include subject matter from claim 3, which the Office Action indicated as allowable.

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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